

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT MAY 6, 1950

Goals								Goals							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
First Division								First Division Reserves							
Sunshine United	7	5	0	2	18	10	10	Vic. Police	7	5	0	2	23	11	10
Sandringham City	7	4	2	1	14	10	10	Moorabbin	7	3	2	2	27	10	8
Box Hill	5	4	1	0	21	8	9	Olympic	5	3	0	2	12	7	6
South Yarra	7	4	1	2	13	9	9	Box Hill	7	3	0	4	10	26	6
Brighton	7	3	2	2	21	14	8	Park Rangers	6	2	0	4	18	22	4
Prahran	7	4	0	3	18	18	8	Bentleigh	7	2	0	5	17	32	4
Park Rangers	7	2	0	5	10	12	4	Brighton	7	1	1	5	17	37	3
Footscray City	6	1	1	4	11	19	3	Macedonians—Withdrawn from League.							
Moreland	7	1	1	5	9	21	3	First Division Reserves							
Hakoah	6	1	0	5	7	21	2	Park Rangers	7	5	1	1	23	11	11
Second Division								Brighton	7	4	2	1	22	14	10
South Melbourne	7	6	0	1	34	13	12	Prahran	7	4	1	2	19	9	9
Juventus	7	4	2	1	23	11	10	Sandringham	7	4	1	2	14	10	9
Preston	7	5	0	2	31	15	10	South Yarra	7	4	1	2	16	16	9
Yallourn	6	4	1	1	34	14	9	Sunshine United	7	2	3	2	17	15	7
Yarraville	6	2	1	3	9	29	5	Box Hill	6	3	0	3	15	12	6
West Suburbs	5	2	0	3	20	14	4	Hakoah	6	2	0	4	10	19	4
George Cross	3	2	0	1	4	6	4	Moreland	7	1	1	5	16	25	3
Ringwood	7	2	0	5	16	28	4	Footscray City	7	0	0	7	7	28	0
Melbourne University	5	1	0	4	8	18	2	Second Division Reserves							
Heidelberg	7	0	0	7	8	39	0	Yallourn	6	6	0	0	42	4	12
Third Division (North)								Juventus	7	5	0	2	35	17	10
White Eagles	6	6	0	0	37	7	12	South Melbourne	7	4	1	2	26	7	9
Fifers	7	6	0	1	26	12	12	Preston	6	4	1	1	18	8	9
Coburg	7	4	0	3	17	18	8	Western Suburbs	5	3	0	2	24	15	6
Williamstown	7	4	0	3	11	19	8	Melb. University	5	2	0	3	20	21	4
Geelong Celtic	6	3	1	2	19	15	7	Heidelberg	7	2	0	5	6	50	4
Melbourne Rangers	6	3	0	3	18	19	6	George Cross	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Woodlands	7	2	0	5	17	37	4	Ringwood	7	1	0	6	0	26	2
Royal Caledonians	5	1	0	4	12	17	2	Yarraville	5	0	0	5	3	23	0
Inter. Harvesters	5	0	1	4	8	13	1	Third Division Reserves							
South Yarra	4	0	0	4	2	8	0	Olympic	4	3	0	1	26	3	6
Third Division (South)								Williamstown	2	2	0	0	10	4	4
JUST	7	5	2	0	42	4	12	Woodlands	4	2	0	2	9	14	1
F.N.D.	6	5	1	0	23	3	11	Fifers	4	1	0	3	1	26	2
								Coburg	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
								Moorabbin	2	0	0	2	0	8	0

JUNIOR AMATEUR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT MAY 6, 1950

Under 19 "A" Section								Brighton								7	6	0	1	20	7	12	
South Yarra	6	6	0	0	20	7	12	South Melbourne	7	4	2	1	15	6	10								
Box Hill	6	4	1	1	15	4	9	Sandringham City	7	4	0	3	14	14	8								
Sunshine United	6	4	1	1	20	6	9	Park Rangers	7	4	0	3	11	12	8								
Brighton	5	4	0	2	15	6	6	Box Hill	7	3	1	2	15	8	7								
Army Apprentices	5	2	1	2	6	14	5	South Yarra	7	2	0	5	5	21	4								
Sandringham City	6	1	1	4	8	20	3	Preston	7	1	1	5	4	11	3								
Park Rangers	6	1	0	5	6	33	2	Ringwood	6	1	0	5	8	18	2								
Hakoah	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	Sunshine United	6	1	0	5	2	11	2								
Under 19 "B" Section								Under 14 Division															
Yallourn	7	7	0	0	15	2	11	Western Suburbs	6	6	0	0	22	4	12								
Coburg	7	4	1	2	15	11	9	Sunshine United	7	4	2	1	23	7	10								
Juventus	7	4	1	2	20	15	9	Coburg	7	5	0	2	20	14	10								
Preston	6	4	0	2	23	5	8	Box Hill	6	4	1	1	15	4	9								
South Melbourne	7	4	0	3	18	8	8	Park Rangers	6	3	1	2	28	4	7								
Ringwood	7	3	0	4	11	13	6	South Melbourne "A"	7	3	1	3	18	9	7								
Yarraville	6	1	3	2	8	9	5	Sandringham City	6	3	1	2	9	9	7								
Moorabbin	7	2	1	4	17	20	5	Preston	7	2	1	4	18	24	5								
Metters	7	1	2	4	9	23	4	Brighton	7	2	1	4	10	19	5								
Northcote	7	0	0	7	5	35	0	Bentleigh	7	2	0	5	8	14	4								
Under 16 Division								South Melbourne "B"															
Northcote	7	6	0	1	18	4	12	Highett N.F.	7	0	0	7	3	52	0								


Under 19—
Yallourn awarded points in match against Ringwood listed for April 1.
Juventus awarded points in match against Yarraville listed for April 8.
Yallourn awarded points in match against Metters listed for May 6.
Brighton awarded points in match against Hakoah listed for May 6.
Preston versus Yarraville match not played on May 6.

Under 16—
Ringwood versus Sunshine United match not played on May 6.

Results of Technical School games played to date are as follows:—
April 26.—Preston 11, d. Richmond 0; Brighton 2, d. South Melbourne 0; Oakleigh 6, d. Footscray 1.
May 3.—Richmond 2, drew with South Melbourne 2; Brighton 3, d. Footscray 0; Preston 4, d. Oakleigh 0.

Preston	2	2	0	0	15	0	8	South Melbourne	2	0	1	1	2	4	2
Brighton	2	2	0	0	5	0	8	Richmond	2	0	1	1	2	13	2
Oakleigh	2	1	0	1	6	5	4	Footscray	2	0	0	2	1	9	0


Essendon Technical School did not enter a team in time for the competition, but will be entering for the Technical Schools' "Knock-out Cup."



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A WINGER IN ACTION



ALEC BARR, outside-left, of Brighton, is pictured taking a corner kick whilst at training. Barr, who has represented both Victoria and Australia, is the writer of this week's article under the heading "Learn from Victoria's Stars."

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Etch Road, Hampton.



Our worthy friend, Stuart Beaton, secretary of the Victorian Soccer Football Association, has on several occasions requested—both by letter and through this paper—that clubs should ring their match results in as early as possible after the game is played. This he has asked, not in a spirit of fun, but to ensure that he has all the results on Saturday when (and I speak now from personal observation) he puts in the entire evening making up the League Tables. Should these results not come to hand, he is unable to complete the tables and, as "Soccer News" has to be complete on MONDAY, we get the fantastic situation which occurred last week, when in some Leagues, clubs are featured as having played anything from three to six games, which is, of course, absurd.

Following this, of course, I, who have nothing to do with compiling these tables, received on Monday morning a sheaf of letters from well-meaning club secretaries complaining bitterly that their first or second team, or both, are not receiving proper consideration, and are occupying a much lower position in the table than that to which they are rightly entitled.

Particular offenders are the Third Division sides, but First and Second Division teams also are not without blame. I leave it to our readers to judge where the fault lies.

The situation in both First and Second Divisions is still extremely fluid. The referee's decision that Footscray's ground was unplayable leaves Box Hill now with two games in hand. Sandringham's rather unexpected defeat of South Yarra now puts Sunshine United at the top, with Sandringham in second place. The latter team's victory gives them still a good chance of reaching the top, as injured players will soon be returning to the side. In the Second Division, South Melbourne continues its winning sequence, but the dropping of a point by Juventus to the lowly Yarraville side, loses the Italian side its second position, which is now occupied by Yallourn, who had a walk-over from the suspended George Cross team.

An upset also is caused in the Third Division (South), where Moorabbin unexpectedly took a point from the leaders, JUST. In the Northern section, White Eagles are still the only team left in the competition who have not sacrificed a point in all their games. It is unfortunate that the previous week they were unable to find the Royal Caledonians' ground, so that the game was unplayed. It remains to be seen what action the League Management Committee will take in this case.

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By V. J. M. DIXON

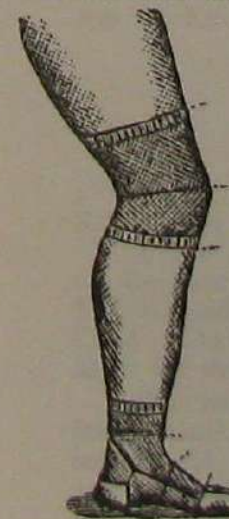
Those Victorian soccer fans who were resident in Melbourne in 1947 will remember the South African tourists and their easy handling of the Victorian side at the M.C.G., when they defeated the local lads by 4-0. We, ourselves, are well aware that the standard of football in Victoria has improved by leaps and bounds since then—both by the influx of migrants and, more particularly, by the rise of young locally trained players. It remains to be seen, however, whether this improvement has been general throughout Australia, and particularly in N.S.W., from which State the bulk of the touring team has been drawn.

It is worthy of note that the majority of the players concerned have already had International experience against the Yugo-Slavs last year—though with scant success. Jackie Wilson, of Victoria, however, showed at the M.C.G. that the Yugo-Slav defence held no terrors for him.

The "Springboks" are a side that our boys cannot afford to take lightly. Of the 1947 side, two players have hit the headlines. Sid O'Lynn has since been playing with an English First Division club, and Jim Pickerell was opening batsman for Transvaal against Australia. The Transvaal also had the honor of lowering the colors of an English touring side at Johannesburg in 1939. The English team probably were short of wind, due to a cause which the Australian team will be up against also—the altitude. Johannesburg stands 6000 feet above sea-level and the sudden change from the coastal plains affect all tourists, particularly under strenuous football conditions. The team on arrival can expect a grand welcome. Soccer though comparatively new in S.A. is now a veritable industry. Transvaal is by far the strongest sporting province and there are three Senior Leagues in operation—Pretoria (North Transvaal), East Transvaal and South Transvaal (Johannesburg). Four members of the 1947 team play for South Transvaal clubs namely, H. Smethurst, D. Wilson, G. Falconer and B. Clack.

Natal province will provide plenty of opposition also, as strong clubs are located in Durban and Maritzburg. The game is weaker in Cape Colony and the Afrikaaner sides from Bloemfontein should not prove much of a danger to Australia. Orange Free State was only asked to provide one member of the 1947 side, and he was not one of the stars.

It is to be hoped that the tour will turn out a financial success also, and whichever way the Tests go all local fans will be keenly interested. To Manager D. T. Johnston, N.S.W., and Captain Bob Lawrie, of Queensland, must go the best wishes of all Australian fans, and we hope that the team will give a good account of itself. Victorians will particularly wish the best of luck to Jackie Wilson and Tommy Jack, our two Victorian members of the team. Let us hope that this will be the most successful Australian touring team of all time.



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The Council has allotted the following matches to Olympic Park:—May 13, Brighton v. Prahran; June 3, Box Hill v. Prahran; June 17, Sandringham v. Box Hill.

Third Division (South).—Macedonians have withdrawn from above League. Please treat all their fixtures as cancelled.

Directions to Grounds.—In the past week or two clubs have been in trouble trying to locate grounds. Certain clubs changed their grounds and others could not supply details until after the Association booklet had been printed. All alterations appeared in "Soccer News" at the commencement of the season, and all clubs are advised to study the official notes in "Soccer News" and save themselves and others considerable inconvenience.

Dockerty Cup Draw.—The suggestion has been made that each round should be drawn separately. This could only be made possible by every club phoning their result after the match. So it looks as though the answer lies with the clubs.

South African Players.—It might be a nice gesture for Clubs to write an odd line or two to Jack Wilson and Tom Jack, as we are all naturally proud of them. Address your letters care of the Secretary, V.A.S.F.A., and I will be pleased to forward them to the boys.

Hakoah v. Brighton.—At Olympic Park, where the above match was played last week, Mr. McDonald, of New South Wales, refereed as a guest. The refereeing was good, and after the match Mr. McDonald gave some of the officials of the V.A.S.F.A. details of his experience in New South Wales and the methods applied in his State. Mr. Van Pelt stood down from the game as a gesture to Mr. McDonald. The referee donated his fee to the Junior Association. The linesmen, Messrs. Lee and McDonald, did a good job also. The positional play of Brighton was too much for Hakoah, who kept trying but were outplayed.

SOCCKER IN FRANKSTON

On Sunday, May 7, Mr. W. Thomas, vice-chairman of the Council, visited Frankston with Mr. S. Beaton, secretary of the Association, and held a meeting with Messrs. Meywood and Piggot and other members of the Union Jack Club in Frankston. It is the desire of certain residents in Frankston that a soccer club be formed to be called Frankston Soccer Club, and at the meeting Mr. Thomas outlined the development of soccer in Victoria and made certain recommendations to the club to enable them to start off on a proper footing. Mr. Beaton discussed the financial and secretarial side of the business. Frankston Soccer Club may desire to play friendly matches before they officially enter a League, and all clubs are asked to co-operate with this club if approached.

Judging from the enthusiasm shown at the meeting, it will not be long before Frankston are gladly welcomed to the membership of the Association. Thanks are due to Mr. Thomas and Messrs. Heywood and Piggott for arranging the meeting and to Mrs. Heywood for providing afternoon tea. All soccer followers will wish Frankston every success in their efforts to secure a further stronghold for soccer.

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TOMORROW'S (SUNDAY, 14) STATE TRIAL TEAMS

Owing to injuries received by several of those chosen to take part in the first State Trial tomorrow afternoon, two teams will be chosen from the following:—

Weight, Holder (Park Rangers); Ashworth, Anderson, McDonald, Lachman (Prahran); Kennedy, Hardman, Grix (Moreland); Hollis (Navy); Davis, White, Parvin, Wilson (Sandringham); Scott, McDougall, Barr (Brighton); Brown, McFeeters (Box Hill); Thorrrington (Western Suburbs); Stoddard (South Yarra); McFarlane (Fifers); Daly (Moorabbin); Drennen (Sunshine United); Cantspell (J U S T).

Players to report at Olympic Park dressing-room by 2.15 p.m. Game will commence sharp at 2.45 p.m.—A. KERR, Chairman State Selectors.

GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

EYES ON LATROBE VALLEY

By NORMAN MINOR



NORMAN MINOR,
Sec. Maryvale Soccer Club

Twenty years ago Morwell sent a soccer team to Flinders in the Dockerty Cup. We left here in an old truck with straw on the floor and forms for seats, and we were beaten by the Navy, 6 goals to 2.

The small Gippsland League fizzled out and the Morwell ground has gone and is now part of the huge open cut now opening out. Recently, taking a brand new team called Maryvale, comprised of players from the paper mill here, we went to Yallourn to play a Yallourn team. The result was a draw.

We are proud to have such a fine player and gentleman as Joe Kennedy; also we are grateful to the A.P.M. at Maryvale, who have provided us with a ground and dressing rooms for two teams. The turf has been cut with an electric mower, the goals are painted and up, and now I ask, who are we going to play? The thousands who are arriving and the thousands yet to come, will need urgent attention in the soccer sphere.

As we are getting publicity in the Traralgon and Morwell press, I put forth the following suggestion: That I will put up a Cup for the Morwell Hospital (and when I say a Cup, I mean something worth pounds). All city and suburban clubs to play off their rounds in Melbourne, but the final to be played off in Gippsland. I am willing to have a photo of above cup put into "Soccer News." All this, of course, if time and

grounds are available later in the season. However, I must get my jerseys and knicks off the clothes-line—the fog is coming down. It's a great game to be secretary, washerwoman, groundsman, first aid, etc.

We will get Joe Kennedy to Melbourne for the State Trials, if we have to rob the Kitty.

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VICTORIAN OLYMPIC GAMES—1950

Sir, It is my intention to organise a Victorian Olympic Games this season, if I can get the support from the Councils, clubs, and others.

These games would take place at the end of the season, commencing, say, on the first Monday of October. The games would be played at night, say, 5.15 kick-off, 40 minutes each way. If possible to be played in the small Olympic Oval. There would be two games a week—Monday and Friday. Membership cards for the series of games could be sold at 5/-.

The following countries could compete:—England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Italy, Israel, Malta, Greece, Yugo-slavia, Australia and Rest of World. Any member of any of these countries (player or non-player) who would care to assist, would you be good enough to send me your name and address.

When I get same, I will call a meeting and we can discuss details of the competition. Hoping for the best.

JOCK PARKER.

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CORIO CORNER

By H. E. WARD

With the 1950 season now well under way, soccer in Geelong continues to flourish. International Harvesters and Geelong Celtic have overcome the player shortage, the playing pitches are in tip-top condition, and the support is there. It looks like being a good first season for both clubs. Except for an "away" defeat by the League leaders (White Eagles), Celtic continue their winning ways, and expect to be high up the ladder at the finish. The fortunes of the International Harvesters have not been so kind as their neighbors'. After being narrowly beaten by Royal Caledonians on Easter Monday, they missed two matches, and then suffered another defeat, this time by Coburg. The Harvesters, however, are not downhearted. They don't expect to languish at the bottom of the table much longer. They have plenty of talent, and intend to use it to advantage.

A great deal of interest has been aroused by the impending Sunday social visit to Sandringham City to Geelong Celtic. It is hoped that this event will be the first of many.

The end of the football season in "Blighty" also means the end of a regular weekly habit by a group of ardent fans in Geelong—that of staying up on Saturday nights to listen to the short-wave commentaries from London. It is whispered that money changed hands the other week when Arsenal beat Liverpool at Wembley. The sixty-four dollar question is now: "Will Liverpool ever win the Cup?"

Some confusion has arisen in recent weeks owing to the fact that both the Geelong clubs have pitches on the same ground. The directions to the ground are simple. On arrival by rail, take the North tram to Victoria Street, across the railway line, and the ground is 300 yards along on the right-hand side. If travelling by road, look out for Victoria Street on the right after passing the Ford Works on the Melbourne Road.

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Mr McDonald, of N.S.W., who officiated at Olympic Park last Saturday, refereed the Olympic Games final between Sweden and Yugo-Slavia. Quite a globe-trotter, he is on his way to Rio for the World Cup.

WORTH CONSIDERING

Clubs who are behind in fixtures could catch up by playing a game mid-week, with a 3.30 or 4 p.m. kick-off. Would only mean a couple of hours off from work. Those League Tables are pretty untidy.

NOTICED

Nice gesture of Mr. Defris, of Hakoah, who congratulated Brighton in their dressing room after the game. Hakoah supporters are the keenest seen for years, despite their run of outs.

COULD THIS REALLY HAPPEN?

All soccer clubs got together recently and organised a sports meeting. Thirty to forty buses were needed to take players, officials and supporters to a nearby country town. Voted a grand show, it is going to be an annual affair.

EXPERIENCED

Moreland's selection committee comprise all past players of the club: Jim Stewart, Joe Lean, Sam Horrabin, Les Gilbert and George Henderson.

NICE TO KNOW

It's not only Parliament that has an all-night session! Home of Bill Thomas, Brighton vice-president, was rendezvous on occasion of English Cup Final for many soccer fans. Bill and his wife proved grand hosts to players from many clubs.

OUT OF THE FRAY

Recent weeks of watching instead of playing has been an ordeal for Angus Drennan, International star, of Sunshine. Angus has been nursing a leg injury but hopes to be fit this week.

HEADACHE

Don't suppose any position in a soccer side causes the average club so much worry as that of centre forward. Each week various teams try out new faces. Haven't spotted a second Frank Melver around yet.

SOCCER "WIDOWS"

Mrs. Tom Jack and Mrs. Jack Wilson have been seen together lately. Their husbands are en route to South Africa with the Australian soccer team. Both are ardent soccer fans, never missing a game.

IT'S BECOMING A HABIT

Latest President of a club to help his team out is Mr. J. H. Sinclair, of Royal Caledonians. He filled a vacancy at right-back recently, after a lapse of 15 years from the game, and played a sterling game.

QUIZ ANSWER

Last week's Quiz concerning players in Victoria v. India at the M.C.G., 1938, referred to Alec Forrest (Park Ranger) and Frank Melver (Yallourn) at outside-left and inside-left respectively.

DON'T MISS IT!

The English Cup Final is at the Tatler Theatre as from the 12th of this month (May).

NOTICE

Information has been received that White Eagles' new ground is situated at Yarra Park, corner of Punt Road and Swan Street, Richmond.—Editor.

INFORMATION

Readers will be pleased to know that more illustrations have been received from our popular cartoonist, "Sailor" (Frank McGarry, of Geelong Celtic), and the series will recommence in next week's "Soccer News".—Editor.

KNOW YOUR CLUBS—7

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

In 1932, Mr. Jack Guthrie made contact with a little boy attending the Middle Park State School, and asked him if he would like to learn the game of Soccer. That boy was Don McLeod, son of Angus McLeod, one of Victoria's best soccer referees at that time. Young Don soon made headway and gathered many of his school mates around him, and the Middle Park Schoolboys' Club, as it was then known, was soon formed. In 1933, Mr. Jack Olsen, present Secretary of the Victorian Junior Association, and Mr. Sam Flanagan, now believed to be connected with Yallourn club, joined Mr. Guthrie on the administrative side of the club, and Mr. Olsen took over the reins of secretaryship midway through that season. In 1934, the Middle Park club joined the original South Melbourne Soccer Club, and became their Juniors, but at the commencement of the 1936 season, these same Juniors severed their connections with South Melbourne, and formed the club as it is now known—South Melbourne United.

In these early years, these boys made rapid progress and each year trophies were won for premiership honors and also the Victorian Junior Cup.

Season 1936 saw the new club in the Second Division of the Senior League, and the first team won rapid promotion into the First Division.

During the war, 90 per cent. of its Senior members joined the Services, and the club had a hard struggle to remain a club at all; in fact, during one season, the Senior side of the club went completely out of existence, but resumed again with one Senior team the following year. From then on the club has steadily come into its own, and can now claim to be one of the strongest clubs in the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association.

In the past two seasons, 1948 and 1949, South have struggled to gain First Division status, but in both years have just missed out, having finished third on the ladder in the two seasons.

Foundation members, who are still with the club, are Mr. Jack Guthrie and Mr. Jack Olsen, still working on the administrative side, and players Keith Murray and Ralph Guthrie, captain and vice-captain respectively.

Next Week: BOX HILL



SOUTH MELBOURNE'S Junior centre-forward illustrates the capabilities of today's young players by leaping high to head a goal in a match at Middle Park.

CLUB JOTTINGS

SOUTH YARRA

A large crowd saw Sandringham beat South Yarra (at Falkner Park), 2—1. Stoddart, quickly getting into his stride, opened the Yarra's account with a fast drive into the corner of the net. White, from a penalty kick, levelled the scores for Sandringham. Half-time, 1—1.

After resumption, the ball was quickly swung from one end of the ground to the other and then Sandringham came with a good attacking movement, finishing with Parvin netting the ball, to give Sandy the lead. South Yarra then stormed Sandringham's goal, but the visitors were defending with everything they had, and although it seemed imminent that at any moment Yarra would burst through, the game finished with Sandringham running out the winners, the final scores being South Yarra 1, Sandringham 2.

PRESTON OUT FOR PROMOTION

The game against Western Suburbs was closely contested throughout the entire 90 minutes. In the first half, Suburbs took the lead three times, and at the interval led 3—2. Both sides were formidable in attack, only the excellence of the two goalkeepers preventing more goals.

In the second half, Preston did most of the attacking, yet Suburbs were still very dangerous. Preston's three goals in this half were due to their being faster on the ball and to some good play by the outside forwards. Those hovering centres from Spencer must have been a nightmare to Suburb's defence, whilst Jim Smith is one of those rare phenomena in Victorian soccer—a natural outside-left.

Preston won, 5—3, but Western Suburbs fought on to the bitter end. Preston's goals came from Morahan (2), J. Smith (2), and Bracewell.

YARRAVILLE

The game against Juventus started at 3 p.m., Yarraville winning the toss. Juventus opened up the attack and scored in the first 10 minutes (1—0). Yarraville defence began to settle down and held the Juventus forwards for a time, when a good movement by Juventus forwards caught the defence napping, which resulted in Juventus making the score at half-time 2—0. Yarraville captain rearranged his team in the second half, resulting in better play by the Yarraville forward line. T. Brydron opened the scoring from a twenty-yards free kick, making the score 2—1. Yarraville forwards continued to play better football, and the defence were holding Juventus. After 25 minutes of the second half, Yarraville scored their second goal through Douglas. A few minutes later the same player scored, making the score 3—2 in favor of Yarraville. Almost on time Juventus got the equaliser, and the final score became 3—3. Yarraville have greatly improved since their last game.

BENTLEIGH

Our usual first Tuesday in the month social night was a great success, and we hope for more like them; it was indeed a happy affair. Our ladies do a good job and provide a goodly table.

We are still having rather bad luck from injuries and we hope those chaps will soon be back on the playing list. Unfortunately, Russ Silverman will be out for some months owing to a very bad wrist injury. Our team is improving in mid-field work, but the "in-front-of-goal" stuff is very bad. We should have been higher up on the table but for this. I have heard it is a complaint all the way round. The average forward must learn to kick strongly with either foot. Considering we have no overseas stars with us, I think our lads are doing very well—at least, they are keen.

PARK RANGERS

Park Rangers v. Prahran (1-2). On the balance of play, the visitors deserved to win last week's game at Middle Park, although the Rangers' forwards showed improvement on the display against Box Hill. The Prahran forward line always threatened more danger than the homesters. In defence, the visiting full-backs were too tall and fast for their opponents. Of the half-backs, honors were about even, with the Rangers being slightly superior.

Rangers scored the only goal in the first half. McLeod centred and Mulcahy headed past Ashworth as he advanced from his goal. Taylor and Carter scored for Prahran in the second half, each netting when a previous shot rebounded from the woodwork.

Other Rangers' results:—Under 19 v. South Yarra, 3-5; Under 16 v. South Yarra, 3-0; Under 14 v. Brighton, 0-0.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Social Match Tomorrow (Sunday).—On Sunday afternoon, commencing at 2.30, the South Melbourne Reserve team will play a social match, at the home ground at Middle Park, against a ship team, the M.V. "Trelyon." South Melbourne club are desirous of contacting other clubs with the view of arranging other Sunday social games, both Senior and Junior. The South Melbourne secretary is Mr. L. Irvine, 341 Howe Parade, Garden City, S.C.8.

Save our Native Fauna No. 5



Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

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SANDRINGHAM CITY

Sandringham surprised the critics of the "Soccer News" by including four of their Reserve team in the team that played South Yarra last Saturday and showed that they have a strong bunch of Reserve men. Injuries have made great holes in both teams, but the players showed great spirit and came up fighting every inch of the way.

Of the four promoted last Saturday, Donaldson, Moncrieff, Hammond and Mackie, all played a great game and could hold their own in any First Division team.

City ran South Yarra off their legs in the second half, and ran out winners, which put the club back in high spirits. Ralph White was outstanding, and was backed up by a hard-bumping defence, whilst Ken Farrow gave us his best game to date. Bob Lomax, at centre-forward, was on the go all day and played one of the best games he has played since joining "Sandy."

The Reserves, with a weakened team, put up a brave show against South Yarra, and but for Yarra's goalie would have won.

Supporters, remember tonight's Crazy Whist Drive at McLennan's, 40 Crisp Street, Hampton. Roll up!

UNIVERSITY

The writer in last edition of "Soccer News," who remarked that University were noted for their slow start, was indeed a prophet. Last Saturday the First XI beat Heidelberg, 5-3, three of the goals coming from Arthur Deacon, who played Australian Rules last season for Mildura University.

Meanwhile, the Second XI won by the astonishing score of 17-1. Former First XI wingers, Warburton and Benson, played ducks and drakes with the Heidelberg defence, and centre-forward, Roger Johnston (also a former Australian Rules player for Mildura University) helped himself to 7 goals. Other scorers were Benson (4), Warburton (2), Gottlieb (2), Uthanavikol (1), and Heidelberg defender, Birtwhistle, in the University goal had little to do, but saved one penalty. University are now getting into their stride.

FIFERS SOCCER CLUB

Having read the Secretary's Notes in "Soccer News" on the trip to Geelong last week, we took to field against Celtic with mixed feelings. We were without our popular captain, Jack McLean, and were advised through "Soccer News" to expect a severe challenge to our standing in the League. At half-time the score was 2-0 in our favor. But Celtic supporters were remarkably cock-sure and thought two goals nothing to surmount. A terrific 15-minute spell in the second half, during which we added 3 goals, settled the issue, but our lads were goal-hungry and made up the half-dozen, while Celtic replied with 1. George McFarlane saved a penalty in fine style, but the kick was taken again, so George showed for a second time, how to punch a shot over the bar. We think he is a certainty for the State team; so will you all, when you see his work.

More players have applied for membership and we would say this: You will all be very welcome, and rest assured of good games and expert advice from Jack McLean. He has really moulded 11 players into a single unit.

There is another dance and social this evening at Fairfield Rifle Club Hall at 8 o'clock. We have the music, novelties and refreshments, and ask you to come along and enjoy yourselves.

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Tasmania—Our Weaker Brother

By "WANDERER"

Tasmanian soccer is fighting hard today to survive. It has never recovered from the blow dealt it by the second world war and although today there are 28 teams playing in the State, the numbers are not fully indicative of the struggle and the problems with which the code is faced.

In the South of Tasmania, six teams in each of the two Senior Divisions and there are four Junior teams. In the North, where Launceston is the centre, only four teams play in the two Senior Divisions and a similar number in the Juniors.

As in Melbourne, both Hobart and Launceston clubs are confronted with ground problems, caused mainly by the lack of help offered by city Councils. In Launceston the 12 teams play on two locations, one near the wharves, where there are two badly kept "islands," and another in the south of the city where the ground, although situated nicely, slopes heavily.

There are some very fine players in the State. One of them is Stan Kent, who plays for the Northern Tasmanian Waterside Workers (a team with hardly a "wharfie" in it). He was chosen to play against the Yugo-Slavs in Adelaide and carried himself well in distinguished company. Another is Hobart goalie, J. Wise, who time and time again has been chosen to represent South against North.

I wonder whether it would not be possible for the Victorian Amateur Soccer Association to help Tasmania in any way they think fit. Most clubs are badly in need of financial aid. They need encouragement generally, and what could be a better way of propagating soccer in Tasmania than to send a Victorian team there, even if it did involve the Association in some financial loss? The tour would be welcomed all over the island.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



Sir,—I wonder if I could trespass on your valuable space to say a few words about that much maligned person, the Referee? I would like spectators to be more tolerant. After all, many decisions we criticise or question are better seen by the man on the spot. If this is done, I am sure a lot of trouble would be avoided. Clubs could make the referee's job much easier if they instructed their players not to dispute his decisions. I would like to compliment you on the excellent publication. Keep up the good work.—Yours, etc., L. FINNEY.

Sir,—Reading in "Soccer News" of three brothers playing in the one game, and asking is this a record, I would point out that three brothers played consistently for South Melbourne Soccer Club away back about the year 1924. They were the three Hamilton brothers—Jock, Sandy and Billie—and a grand trio they were. Two of them represented their State, and the youngest of them (Billy) can still show and do a few things with a ball. May he never grow old.—Yours, etc., PETER MCCOID.

Sir,—In reply to Richard Dreyfus's letter in "Soccer News," I agree that Footscray City's ground is not all it should be, but I think that he should try and get the co-operation of the Council and see if he can get results. Two teams have to play on a ground—not just one—Mr. Dreyfus, and home teams every second Saturday—not once a season. His criticism is good for soccer, no doubt, but surely he doesn't have to write three-quarters of his article about the condition of one ground, when he doesn't know true facts. In future Footscray City's boys will do their level best to meet your requirements, Mr. Dreyfus, I'm sure.—Yours, etc., A FOOTSCRAY SUPPORTER.

Sir,—It is to be hoped that the State selectors do not intend having about nine Trial games this year before announcing the representative team. Indeed, with their experience of the number of players tried last year and the new players seen this season so far, they should make up their minds as soon as possible, as players who cannot gain selection will not view with pleasure the fact that they are being used as "sparing partners," and the clubs for whom they play run the risk of losing their services if injured in these Sunday games.—Yours, etc., "CLUBMAN," Box Hill.

[I would like to point out to "Clubman, Box Hill," that it was only because of exhaustive Trials last year that the Victorian State team did what no other State team in Australia could do, namely, draw with the Yugo-Slavs. If the players chosen feel the same way as "Clubman" the remedy is in their own hands; they do not have to accept the invitation to attend the Trial games. This, then would reduce the field of possibles and probables and allow the selectors to cut down the number of Trial games, to which they give more time than any player concerned. It must be obvious to all supporters of soccer that only 11 players can take the field, plus reserves. This, then, would suggest that all other players given their chance to prove themselves under the eyes of the selectors and in the proper conditions necessary to weld a team together, were being used as "sparing partners" which the selectors deny, as every man chosen to take part in the State Trials has a chance of making the Victorian team.—A. KERR, Chairman, State Selectors.]

JUNIOR SECTION

Very little change was made in the League Ladder of the Under 19 Division, "A" section, after last Saturday's games. The three top teams all had victories, and positions remained as they were. The only change in the order of the teams was that of Brighton, who, by their walk-over against Hakoah, moved from fifth position to fourth. Army Apprentices dropped one place to fifth, by their defeat against Sunshine United.

In the Under 19 "B" Section, Yallourn remains at the top, and are now five clear points ahead of their nearest opponents, Coburg and Juventus. Yarraville failed to send a team to Preston, and virtually Preston are running second, but the points in this match have not yet been allotted. Northcote, the bottom team in this section, had a very near victory in their match against the second top team, Coburg, but failed by the odd goal in three.

In the intermediate grade (Under 16), the leading team, Northcote, suffered their first defeat for the season, against the second top team, Brighton. Northcote still remains at the head of affairs, however, but by goal average only. Preston opened their winning account with a 1-0 victory against Box Hill, and thus escaped from the bottom position.

In the Schoolboy Division, Box Hill dropped from the second place to fourth, Sunshine United being the cause of their first defeat for the season.

Clubs which were not represented at the last Junior Association general meeting, which was held on Monday evening, May 1, are as follows:—South Yarra, Metters, Sunshine United, Ringwood, Highett N.F., and Yarraville.

The next Junior Association meeting is to be held on Monday, May 15 at the Temperance Hall (Savoy Theatre Buildings), Russell Street, Melbourne.

Official team cards have not yet been received from the home teams concerned of the following matches:—

Under 19.—April 8, Brighton v. Sandringham City; April 10, Preston v. Ringwood; April 15, Ringwood v. Northcote; April 22, Yallourn v. Coburg.

Under 16.—April 15, Sunshine United v. Preston; April 29, South Yarra v. Preston; April 29, Sunshine United v. Park Rangers.

Under 14.—April 15, Brighton v. South Melbourne "B"; April 29, Brighton v. Coburg.

Clubs are hereby warned that unless the above team cards are received by the Junior Association secretary by Monday, May 15, disciplinary action may be taken against offending clubs.

At the last general meeting of the Junior Association, it was resolved that as from and including Saturday, May 6, any home club failing to forward their team cards to the secretary of the Junior Association within 24 hours (Sundays excluded), would be liable to a fine of 2/6 for each offence.

Central Gippsland Schoolboys' Association commenced their season on Saturday, April 29. Two Divisions have been formed, one consisting of four teams of players under the age of 17 years, and the Schoolboy Division of five clubs of boys under the age of 14½ years.

All junior players and officials of the Junior Association are grateful to Mr. Ted Low, secretary of the Referees' Association, for his very helpful broadcast over Station 3AW on Friday, April 28. Mr. Low, in the short time at his disposal at the microphone, spoke mostly of Junior activities. We are also very grateful to the sponsors of this session, which permitted Mr. Low to view the activities of soccer over the air.

Club secretaries, please note that advice has been received from the secretary of the Senior Association, that the Management Committee of the V.A.S.F.A. has resolved that once a Junior player has played in three (3) games with a Senior team of his club, he is required to sign a Senior registration form.

LEARN FROM VICTORIA'S STARS

7—Wing Play

By ALEC BARR

I address the majority of my remarks to the younger players and sincerely hope that I may be able to give them a few useful hints.

A good winger can make or break a forward line because of inability to play the most suitable type of game for his inside-forwards, which, of course, includes the centre-forward. If your centre-forward is very good in the air, you must play to his head whenever possible; if he is particularly fast, then you must utilise his speed by playing a "through" pass, which enables him to use his speed to beat his opponents. In other words every winger should study the "inside man" and adjust his play accordingly.

Every winger should spend as much time as possible practicing corner kicks, countless games having been won and lost on the corner kicks. The winger is more than entitled to say where his team mates position themselves for a corner, and it is only by discussing with his team-mates that he will find out the best method of turning the advantage of a corner into a goal. Ball control is as important to a winger as to any other player. Too many people state, "So-and-So can run like the wind; he is a born winger." Too many wingers think all they have to do is kick the ball and then catch up with it. This is a long way from the truth. A winger should be tricky, have a delicate touch when necessary, and also have the ability to send a forty-yard pass straight to his centre-forward or from left-wing to right-wing. Many times a winger can receive a hurried clearance from his defence and by virtue of good ball control can quickly have his forward line into attack with the minimum delay. As my predecessors in this series have stated, practice, practice, and still more practice is the secret of success. Stanley Mortenson, the great English internationalist, writes: "Don't practice by the minute; don't practice by the hour; don't practice by the day; practice by the years." Jacky Wilson, who is, of course, en route to South Africa, remarked many times to me: "Alex, ball control is second nature after a few years' practice." And so it is. The bouncing, awkward-looking ball can be a good friend sometimes, provided you have ball-sense. Ask your coaches to introduce into your training schedule games which will improve your control. One last word: Please ignore those barrackers who scream, "Bravo" every time a player makes a wild, indiscriminate lash at the ball. Nobody should applaud such tactics, and anybody can practice these tactics. Our game has the name of being scientific; try to keep it that way.

[All aspiring young players are advised to study the points of the above article. In the next edition of "Soccer News" a further article on "Wing Play," by Joe Wilson, of Sandringham City, will be published, which, together with the above advice, will give complete details of Wing Play.—Editor.]

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SOUTH YARRA (UNDER 19)

These lads have now been playing together for three years and are showing excellent form, having taken every game in their stride this season. They have had excellent tuition under Mr. A. Duff, and are now repaying Alec for the hard work he has put in with them. In fact, Mr. A. Duff (who played with Yarra for many years and did sterling work for them) states that these boys are going to challenge the First Eleven, and beat them in the very near future. So, look-out, Seniors!

A social and dance will be held on Saturday, May 27, at St. Martin's Hall corner of Wilson and Cromwell Streets, Hawksburn. Norm Shingle's Band will be in attendance from 8 to 11.30 p.m. Roll up, everyone, and enjoy a good night.